Date: December 23, 2003

Remarks

In accordance with the Examiner's comments in the Office Action of February 2, 2004, indicating that Claims 29-32 and 34-43 were in condition for allowance, Applicant has canceled previously withdrawn claims 12-28.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments, Applicant respectfully submits hat the aboveidentified application is now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested.

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